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KANSAS CITY PRAIRIE HAY MARKET

Following last week's dearth of offerings, 14 cars of prairie hay were manifest for the open market at Kansas City during the week ending March 18, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Trading, however, was not broad, since receivers used a number of cars on outside orders of their own. Several of the cars offered for sale consisted of hay brought in last week by Army contractors which failed to make the required grade of U. S. No. 2 Upland Prairie. Discounts were necessary to move some of this lower grade hay. Sales reported for the week: No. 2, 1 car \$7.75, 1 car \$7.50, No. 3, 1 car \$7, 1 car \$6.50 per ton.

Local feeding interests purchased no prairie on the open market during the week. Their requirements continued light, due to moderate cattle receipts, and they were well protected by storage reserves. A few cars moved direct to their unloading tracks on contract.

Truck movement of prairie hay from eastern Kansas to points farther west in that state continued during the week, but at a reduced volume. Quality of such shipments generally was bottom No. 2 or lower grade. Interest in Platte Valley, Nebraska prairie hay remained at low ebb and trade interests anticipated a moderate carryover into the new season.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, follow:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.00-8.50; No. 2 \$7.50-8.00; No. 3 \$5.50-7.00; Sample \$4.00-5.50.

